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TAGS: ETRD, SN, US

SUBJ: BILATERAL TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS

REF: SINGAPORE 3509

1. E/C COUNSELOR TALKED WITH GOS TRADE DEPARTMENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR TAN AUGUST 31 ABOUT UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS. TAN EMPHASIZED AGAIN THAT TEXTILES WERE NOT AN IMPORTANT PART OF SINGAPORE'S DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, BUT HINTED THAT GOS WOULD ASK FOR HEFTY INCREASES IN QUOTA LEVELS.

2. TAN ARGUED, IN EFFECT, THAT A FOUR OR FIVE PERCENT INCREASE IN HONG KONG TEXTILE QUOTAS TRANSLATES INTO A SIGNIFICANT VOLUME INCREASE, GIVEN THE HIGH BASE OF HONG KONG TEXTILE EXPORTS TO U.S. SINGAPORE HAS MINISCULE IMPACT ON U.S. TEXTILE MARKET, HE SAID, AND GOS COULD RECEIVE LARGER PERCENTAGE INCREASE WITHOUT CAUSING DISRUPTION. HE SAID SINGAPORE'S TEXTILE WORK FORCE IS FAIRLY STABLE IN MEMBERS AND CONSISTS ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY OF SINGAPOREANS RATHER THAN GUEST WORKERS. GOS PLANS TO DEVELOP MORE SOPHISTICATED INDUSTRIES, SO THAT SINGAPORE WILL NOT BECOME A MAJOR, GROWING PROBLEM FOR U.S.

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3. TAN SAID EEC CURBS ON TEXTILES WILL NOT CAUSE A DIVERSION OF SINGAPORE EXPORTS TO THE U.S. MARKET, MAINLY BECAUSE THERE IS NO MARKET IN U.S. FOR MANY TYPES OF EXPORTS NOW GOING TO EUROPE.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: WE HAVE OUR DOUBTS ABOUT THE VALIDITY

OF SOME OF THE ARGUMENTS ADVANCED BY TAN, BUT HAVE NO WAY
OF ASSESSING, FOR EXAMPLE, THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE
U.S. AND EEC TEXTILE MARKETS. ALTHOUGH THE NEGOTIATIONS
MAY NOT BE AS QUICK AND PAINLESS AS TAN EARLIER INDICATED
(REFTEL), WE DOUBT THERE WILL BE MAJOR DIFFICULTIES IF
U.S. IS WILLING TO GRANT INCREASES IN THE RANGE OF THOSE
OFFERED HONG KONG.
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